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SUMMARY: SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, U.N. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISSARMAMENT (SSOD) AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNAPOLIS SPEECH WERE MAJOR U.S. - RELATED SUBJECTS EDITORIALY TREATED BY SUDANESE PRESS THIS PAST WEEK. SUBJECTS COMPETED WITH COMMENTARIES PRAISING PRESIDENT NIMERI'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE "ARAB SOLIDARITY." EDITORIALS UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE THROUGH OAU, PREDICTABLY CALLED UPON ALL NATIONS TO STAND AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ANNAPOLIS SPEECH SIGNALS RETURN TO COLD WAR. END SUMMARY

1. SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION:

AL-SAHAFI JUNE 17 SAID: "FOREIGN POWERS OF DIFFERENT IDEOLOGIES ARE INVOLVED IN AFRICA WHICH THREATENS TO TURN CONTINENT INTO AREA OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT... MAIN QUESTION FACING AFRICAN COUNTRIES IS HOW TO KEEP

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FOREIGN INTERVENTION AWAY SO AS TO ENABLE AFRICANS TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. ESTABLISHMENT AFRICAN SECURITY FORCE URGENT NECESSITY WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY OAU." AL-AYAM COMMENTATOR JUNE 14 OPINED: "SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION AND U.S. - FRENCH COUNTER-INTERVENTION TURNED EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA INTO AREA FOR EAST-WEST CONFLICT, BRINGING BACK COLD

WAR." HE CONCLUDED: "AFRICANS HAVE NO INTEREST AT ALL IN SUCH EAST-WEST CONFLICT WHICH AIMS ONLY AT STRENGTHENING SUPERPOWER DOMINATION OVER WORLD. THE BEST BANNER TO RAISE IN SUCH CONDITIONS IS 'TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF AFRICA'."

2. ANNAPOLIS SPEECH:

AL-AYAM JUNE 20 STATED : "THE ONLY THING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH HAS ACHIEVED IS RETURN TO COLD WAR DESPITE REPEATED ASSURENCES BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS THAT U.S. COMMITTED TO DETENTE."
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